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Miss Ida Jean Thiel
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Dear Ma,

of course after writing to you 3 nights ago and wondering where you were I got a letter and am back with my trusty sword in hand. As far as your writing more often goes, I think it's a P.D. (peachy dandy) suggestion. I'm available, that's for sure.

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of the day up there we came back up the Mun-Dung Hi Valley. The only flat land for many miles around here and it was really beautiful. From one of the O.P.'s we could see the gook trenches running right straight across it. About 400 yards in front of their trenches were ours. Between the 2 were many old allied tanks which had been caught by the gooks and have been sitting there for 2 years or more.

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Frank

TRANSCRIPT

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² Gook: Slang for North Koreans. Also offensive slang towards Koreans.

³ WAF: Women's Air Force.

⁴ Slang for photos.